

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 18. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	58.6	47.1	68.2	56.8	53.5	60.9
• Passed 2 subtests	22.0	26.4	15.2	21.1	21.2	20.3
• Passed 1 subtest	10.6	17.8	10.0	13.3	14.5	11.0
• Passed no subtests	8.8	8.7	6.6	8.8	10.8	7.7

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	11.7%	12.6%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	11.7%	13.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	48.1%	43.4%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	92.7%	11.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	83.3%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	93.0%	12.6%	
Gender			
Male	90.2%	13.1%	
Female	94.7%	12.9%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	91.3%	8.2%	
Hispanic	0.0%	N/A	
White	95.9%	19.4%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	89.2%	4.3%	
Pay for lunch	97.6%	17.9%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	62.2%
Completers placed	89.1%
Eligible students enrolled	67.2%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,107	N/A	\$5,731	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.4%	88.8%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	26.5 to 1	N/A	25.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,116)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	75.0%	N/A	9.6%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.3%	No change	95.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	10.9%	Up from 9.1%	11.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=67)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.5 Days	Up from 6.3	7.0 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 94.7%	95.2%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	40.3%	Down from 44.6%	43.5%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	64.2%	Up from 59.1%	78.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	14.9%	Up from 1.5%	2.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	75.4%	Up from 74.4%	84.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,709	Up 2.6%	\$36,939	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.1%	Up from 0.9%	2.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	52.1%	N/A	55.4%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	5.0	N/A	3.5	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	41.2%	N/A	64.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	12.4%	Up from 11.4%	12.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	105	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	2.9%	Down from 5.0%	6.6%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.8%	Up from 13.0%	10.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	7.9%	N/A	7.6%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	750	N/A	226	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	43.3%	N/A	25.3%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

In the five-year history of Lakewood High School, students have shown steady, continuous improvement in academic performance. The Class of 2001 had a 98% graduation rate, up 5% from 96-97, and a 3% rise in students eligible for a Life Scholarship to a four-year university. Early reports indicate the passing rate for students taking the exit exam for the first time is greatly improved.

Our major instructional focus is to prepare all students to exceed standards on state and national testing. Our SAT/ACT Improvement Task Force has implemented the following to help our first generation college students: "One-on-One with the SAT" computer based training, continuous skills inventory tests (Workkeys for all freshmen and juniors, PLAN or PSAT for all sophomores, ASVAB testing, Talented and Gifted screening, Basic Skills Diagnostic Testing, and College Preparatory Testing, in addition to state required testing), College Admission Prep Class for all College Prep Students beginning in 2001, fall and spring testing preparation workshops, College Edge - an Internet based college data bank, and financial aid and/or parent workshops offered quarterly. Lakewood's pre-engineering/manufacturing academy and the computer-networking academy prepare students for career pathways.

Our large, rural attendance area creates a barrier to volunteer and parent involvement. Volunteer recruitment, Parent Day and volunteer recognition programs continue to be the focus of the PTSA. Our students and staff have been honored with many individual and school awards. School awards include S.C. Schools of Promise Flagship School 00-01, S.C. Healthy Schools Awards 97-01, selected for a Palmetto's Finest Team Visit, featured in state and national conferences for the RAPS School-Wide Discipline Program, Exemplary Writing School 96-98, SCDHEC Champion of the Environment, and SCE&G Environmental Eagles Award. The demands on the staff to bring about dramatic gains for the students from the ninth grade to the senior year require continuous staff development, community partnering, and instructional innovation. The first five years of Lakewood have shown that our students, staff, and parents are ready to meet these challenges.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	78.0	69.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.0	76.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	44.0	84.2	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,116 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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